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INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM

Group: 2132

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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April 12, 2004

Sir:

The following is in response to the March 12, 2004 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse Invention Group II, claims 7-11, 21 and 22 for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 7-11, 21 and 22 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing

of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.38691X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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